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Dear Belle Aire Elementary School Staff and Families:

District 58 was notified today that a fifth grade student from Belle Aire tested positive for COVID-19. The student has not been at school since Thursday, Nov. 12. When the student's family learned that they were close contacts to a positive COVID-19 case outside of school, they began to quarantine and got tested for COVID-19, in accordance with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines. District 58 is grateful that this family followed the IDPH's requirements.

When the family received the results of the student's positive test this morning, they immediately notified the school. At this time, we do not believe the student was in close contact with any District 58 students or staff members while on-site due to maintaining the District's strict social distancing requirements. There is no known school-based link related to this case.

Per IDPH guidelines, anyone who tests positive must stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms, or for asymptomatic cases, from COVID-19 test date, AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms. The student will complete his/her quarantine period at home.

District 58 will continue to follow all protocols outlined by the IDPH when a student or staff member tests positive, including contact tracing. Additionally, the District thoroughly cleans and disinfects all areas of schools and/or buildings every night. Belle Aire Elementary School has been cleaned and disinfected multiple times since the student was last onsite, per District protocols.

District 58 will also notify the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) of the positive case to ensure that contact tracing and protocols continue to be strictly followed. The health and safety of our students, staff, and families is paramount and we will continue to follow all guidelines called for by the IDPH and the DCHD. Please continue to wear masks, adhere to social distancing requirements, and thoroughly wash and/or sanitize your hands as this is the best way to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. Kevin B. Russell'.

Dr. Kevin B. Russell
Superintendent of Schools